

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A Meeting of Mormons Defies the United States in the Effort to Suppress Polygamy.

The Cholera Scourge On the Decree in Spain, But Still Increasing in the Provinces of Italy.

A SLANDER ON AMERICA.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A Mormon conference was held in London to-day. Delegates were present from Norway, Sweden, Holland and Germany. President Penrose of Salt Lake City in an address boasted that Mormonism was spreading in England, Scotland and Wales, but admitted that small results were being met with in Ireland. He said there were six Mormon meeting-houses in London and several thousand converts, and that two years ago last January 1200 Mormon emigrants had been sent to Iowa and Utah, and he predicted the defeat of the United States government in its effort to suppress polygamy.

THE CHOLERA RECORD.

MARSEILLES, Sept. 15.—Seven deaths from cholera were reported in this city yesterday and thirty patients remain under treatment in the Pitié hospital.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—Cholera is spreading in the south of France. At Mousque there have been eighty deaths within three weeks. Many deaths have occurred in other towns.

At Anagnin twenty-five persons have died from the disease within a few days. The epidemic is decreasing at Solon.

ROME, Sept. 15.—The government has begun issuing cholera bulletins. The first shows that from the 10th to 13th inst. there were 146 cases and eighty-six deaths reported in the infected districts of Italy. Yesterday there were reported four new cases and four deaths at Palermo and fifteen new cases and four deaths at Parma.

MADRID, Sept. 15.—There were 1975 new cases of cholera and 371 deaths from the disease reported throughout Spain yesterday.

ACTIVITY IN GERMAN NAVAL CIRCLES.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—The German cruising squadron which has returned to Kiel is under orders to refit for the North Atlantic, under Commander Stenzel and Prince Henry of Prussia. The admiralty has postponed the usual discharge of the naval reserves. There are also other signs of activity in the navy. The squadron will take supplies for six months and will be ready for immediate use. All the iron-clads at foreign stations have been ordered by telegraph to prepare for any emergency. The German squadron at Zanzibar has been ordered to get ready to sail for the Mediterranean.

UPHOLDING THE MOTHER COUNTRY.

MARSEILLES, Sept. 15.—At a meeting of 600 Spaniards here yesterday resolutions were adopted praising the energy of Spain in resisting German aggression, and a fund was raised for a sword for Gen. Salamanca.

JOHN BULL HAS A FINGER IN THE PIE.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—In the event of Germany's persisting in claiming the Carolines, England, mindful of her rejection of Spain's claims in 1875, will claim equal rights with Germany.

M. LESSAR INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—M. Lessar, chief of the Russian branch of the Afghan boundary commission, was interviewed before leaving London. He said the Zulficar pass was of no strategic importance. The eastern mouth of the pass remains in Russia's possession. The Afghans might erect fort works if they pleased. There was no general desire among the Russians to attack Herat through the Zulficar pass.

A CONFERENCE OF NATIONS.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Standard says if Spain persists in her rejection of arbitration in the Carolines dispute, Germany will endeavor to convene a conference of the European powers and the United States either at Paris or at Vienna for the purpose of deciding the principles which shall govern the acquisition and protection of territory in the Pacific. The convention will be similar to the recent Congo conference.

INFLUENCING THE SULTAN.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—It is stated in diplomatic circles here that the Russian ambassador at Constantinople has gained the sultan's ear, and the latter being also encouraged by France will not accede to the main proposals of Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, the British special envoy, regarding the occupation of Egypt. It is probable that the mission of Sir Henry will result in a failure, owing to the pressure that is thus far being brought to bear upon the sultan.

CHINA WILL OBJECT.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Pall Mall Gazette says that it has reason to believe that China will protest against the action of France in deposing the king of Annam as a violation of the Tientsin treaty.

CABLE NOTES.

The Paris newspapers are clamoring for the pardon of the rebel Riel.

Thousands of Christians have fled from Annam owing to the recent massacres and have taken refuge at Saigon.

Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Bismarck disagree in regard to Germany's policy in the Carolines affair.

WEATHERFORD.

Special to the Gazette.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., Sept. 15.—Thomas Hanlan, a laborer, and Henry Ward, overseer of streets, had a difficulty this morning, which resulted in Hanlan being right badly beaten up. It seems that the man Hanlan was called upon to work the streets by Mr. Ward, which he refused to do, and the fight followed. The officer finally overpowered him and placed him in the city jail, to appear before the mayor in the morning.

Four new steel cages arrived here today for the county jail, and will be

placed in this week. They were made by the Fanny Jail Building company. Capt. C. W. McGehee fell from a buggy this evening while hunting some few miles from town. His injuries though painful are not serious.

PROHIBITION.

EASTLAND COUNTY.

Special to the Gazette.

CISCO, TEX., Sept. 15.—Eastland county has given 151 majority against prohibition.

JACK COUNTY.

Special to the Gazette.

JACKSON, TEX., Sept. 15.—Prohibition was defeated in Jack county to-day by 109 majority.

ALEDO.

Special to the Gazette.

ALEDO, TEX., Sept. 15.—A majority of our best and most influential citizens voted for prohibition here, and exhibited no enthusiasm when the result was made known.

BRATH COUNTY.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

STEPHENVILLE, TEX., Sept. 12.—There seems to be a lull in the contending forces of the prohibitionists and the anti-prohibitionists. Each army seems to be sleeping on its arms at this time and resting up for the final struggle next Monday, the 14th inst., when the whole question will be settled by the people at the polls. The question has been fanned to a white heat on the local-option question, and the hog law is only thrown in like fuel to the fire.

GAINESVILLE.

Special to the Gazette.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., Sept. 15.—The correct figures of the vote in this city on Saturday last are as follows: Ward 1, 281 votes; majority in favor of prohibition 13. Ward 2, 346 votes; majority against prohibition 106. Ward 3, 549 votes; majority against prohibition 145. Ward 4, 544 votes; majority against prohibition 258. Total votes cast in the city 1520; majority against prohibition 258. This is about two-thirds of the vote usually polled here. A light vote was polled outside of this city. The country precincts gave a small majority against prohibition.

A BLAZE AT HOT SPRINGS.

A Business Block Burned—Aggregate Loss Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Special to the Gazette.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Sept. 15.—Another disastrous conflagration broke out in this city about 2 o'clock this morning and swept away a whole business block in the heart of the town.

About a dozen buildings were consumed, including the Willard and Phoenix hotels. Fortunately, the block which burned was occupied mainly by professional offices and small business houses. The aggregate losses are estimated at \$50,000, while the insurance will not reach one-fourth that amount. The following is a list of the losses:

Dr. L. B. Buchanan, office building and fixtures \$2800; insurance \$1000.

Dr. Fordyce, books and implements \$1000; no insurance.

Ruiz & Fordyce, Phoenix hotel building \$5000; no insurance.

Thomas & Van Nostrand, furniture of Phoenix hotel \$1000; no insurance.

Mrs. Coggenwell, furniture same hotel, \$1000; insured for \$800.

Ruiz & Fordyce, other buildings \$1000; no insurance.

Hot Springs Express company's office and fixtures \$500; no insurance.

My Rosetto, stock \$1000; insurance \$500.

Max & Zimmerman, stock in office and saloon \$8000; insured \$2000.

John Richardson, stock \$2200; insurance \$1000.

N. Cohen, merchant tailor; stock \$5000; insurance \$2000.

Conover & Dutton, book store, loss \$1500; insurance \$1000.

Mountain Valley water depot, fixtures \$700; insurance \$250.

Dr. Barry, office fixtures and books, \$1500; no insurance.

Dr. Gaines, office fixtures \$200; no insurance.

Charles G. Orr, stock \$2000; no insurance.

B. B. Schuster, stock \$3000; insurance \$125.

L. C. Young, furniture in Willard hotel \$3500; covered by insurance.

J. M. Blake, loss, \$500. No insurance.

John T. Warren, buildings, \$14,000; no insurance; were mostly wooden structures, and the block will be rebuilt with brick.

Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 15.—A fire at Hot Springs early this morning destroyed about a dozen small business houses, including the Willard and Phoenix hotels. The loss will be about \$50,000, insurance light.

Weather Report.

The cotton belt weather report of Texas, showing the maximum and minimum temperature, also the rainfall for the past twenty-four hours is as follows:

STATIONS.	Max. Temp.	Min. Temp.	Rain Fall.
Galveston	85	75	.01
Houston	90	73	.11
Beaumont	90	69	.44
Waco	90	68	1.19
Corpus Christi	83	68	.11
Dallas	86	68	.11
San Antonio	80	69	.18
Corpus Christi	91	73	.00
Palestine	82	69	.24
Columbia	82	72	.04
Huntsville	80	69	.11
Longview	90	72	.11
Austin	92	72	.11
Tyler	92	72	.11
Weatherford	80	66	.11
Orange	90	71	.02
Luling	85	71	.12
Weimar	88	70	.02
Sour Lake	88	72	.11
Brenham	83	69	.22
Mean	87.6	70.9	219.21

The Grant Monument Fund.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—To-day there has been decidedly little doing at the office of the Grant monument. The only subscriptions received this forenoon were \$250 from Frederick Beck of this city, and another of \$10 from Mrs. David B. Henderson of Dubuque. The grand total up to date is \$75,871.65.

Every first-class dealer sells Opera Puff cigarettes. Avoid inferior imitations.

Black cashmere, sold in other stores at \$1, can be had of us for 50 cents.

RANDALL & CHAMBERS CO.

STATE NEWS.

Doings and Happenings of the Day—Occurrences for Weal or Woe.

Gatherings from Over the State Reported Specially for the Gazette by Its Own Reporters.

A METHODIST REVIVAL.

Special to the Gazette.

PALESTINE, TEX., Sept. 15.—A Methodist revival is in progress here, under the auspices of Elders Smith and Green.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, TEX., Sept. 15.—Chas. Campbell, a brakeman, fell off the top of a moving train in the Houston & Texas Central yards early this morning and was run over and instantly killed.

DENGUE FEVER AT PALESTINE.

Special to the Gazette.

PALESTINE, TEX., Sept. 15.—Dengue fever is prevalent to a considerable extent in and near the city. Many persons of all ages are ill with it. Hon. Jno. H. Reagan has been confined to his bed with it, but is now recovering.

MOVING OUT OF TEXAS.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, TEX., Sept. 15.—The auditor's department of the Southern Pacific company is packing up the office outfit, and will move to-morrow to New Orleans. The office force of about fifty clerks go to New Orleans to assume their respective positions.

ODD FELLOWS' AND WIDOWS' HOME.

Special to the Gazette.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Sept. 15.—At a meeting of the I. O. O. F. of this city last night, steps were taken to secure the location of the proposed Odd Fellows' and Widows' home at this point. Our citizens are being canvassed in regard to this matter by a committee of this order.

A LAND MARK OF BELL COUNTY.

Special to the Gazette.

BELTON, TEX., Sept. 15.—Mr. N. M. Proctor, one of the oldest residents of this county, died yesterday at his residence some four miles west of this city and was buried this morning. He was seventy-one years old and had lived in this county thirty-one years.

FATAL RESULT OF A SALOON ROW.

Special to the Gazette.

TEMPLE, TEX., Sept. 15.—Charlie Wimmer died at Kemper last night from the effects of a stroke on the head with a beer glass which he received in a fight with Charlie Enswiller, a saloon man in Belton. Enswiller was arrested to-day. Wimmer was formerly a deputy sheriff of this county.

CUTTING AFFRAY IN BRATH COUNTY.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

STEPHENVILLE, TEX., Sept. 12.—Quite a serious difficulty occurred a few miles above town in this county a day or two ago between Willis Brooks and Columbus Shorer, in which Shorer was pretty badly cut in several places in the head with a knife. The doctors say he is dangerously and possibly fatally cut.

A RAILWAY ABSORBED.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, TEX., Sept. 15.—The Gulf, Western Texas & Pacific railroad running from Indianola to Cuero, Tex., was absorbed to-day into the Southern Pacific company. Several officers left here to-day to instruct the employees in the Southern Pacific system of accounts. The road is sixty-six miles long and doing a paying business.

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Special to the Gazette.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Sept. 15.—The assignment of A. M. Cohen, clothier, who failed in August, filed a schedule of assets and liabilities to-day. The assets are placed at \$15,351.95, of which \$2689 are doubtful claims, and the liabilities at \$21,667.44. The creditors are St. Louis and New York business houses.

ALMOST A CATASTROPHE.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

QUEEN CITY, TEX., Sept. 14.—Something this evening some one turned the switch at the south end of the side-track. Luckily a boy discovered it and reported the fact to Mr. J. B. Cade, who turned it back. It was discovered just before the north-bound passenger train was due. Had it not been discovered, in all probability the train would have run into some empty freight cars on the side-track.

REPRESENTATIVES OF TEXAS.

Special to the Gazette.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Sept. 15.—Capt. S. J. T. Johnson, commissioner-in-chief from this state to the New Orleans and London exposition, will have as assistants to get up the state exhibits: Rev. W. G. Vyal, on organization of societies; Prof. W. F. Cummings and Deroey, on the geological formations and mineral resources of the state, and R. W. Andrews, who will be his assistant to work the Sunset road section.

MORTGAGE BONDS FILED.

Special to the Gazette.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Sept. 15.—The first mortgage bonds of the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railway executed to the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York, for the sum of \$1,700,000, were filed here for record in the county clerk's office to-day. It is the largest instrument of the kind ever filed here. It covers the entire road, rolling-stock, depots and other property, and the money is to be used for construction.

BURGLARY AT ABILENE.

Special to the Gazette.

ABILENE, TEX., Sept. 15.—Mr. Geo. W. Boyce, druggist, doing business on the corner of Chestnut and South First, was astonished and dumfounded when he entered his store this morning. He beheld his safe broken open and his books and papers scattered over the floor near it. His cash-box had been entered and rifled of its contents, containing about \$25 in silver and from \$75 to \$100 in currency. However, the thief was not without some degree

of liberality and magnanimity. There was in the drawer a very ancient 5-cent silver piece which was so slick from wear and tear that the stamps were quite obliterated. This the thief left to Mr. Boyce. He entered the door through a side window which had not been properly shut for the night.

There is no clew to the burglar. There was no sign of violence to the combination, and it looks as if Mr. Boyce had forgotten to close it. The inside door had been roughly handled, broken open with some strong weapon. A drawer containing a fine gold watch just under the cash drawer had not been interfered with.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Special to the Gazette.

ABILENE, TEX., Sept. 15.—Newt Brazz, a young man who lived five miles west of this place, was struck and instantly killed by lightning about 5 o'clock yesterday evening. He was picking cotton at the time. The lightning, striking him first on the head, tore his hat into small fragments and then passing down his body tore off one of his boots. A man working in the same field near him was badly shocked, but not seriously injured.

ALMOST A SECK-TIE PARTY.

Special to the Gazette.

MCKINNEY, TEX., Sept. 14.—Andy Rice, a large negro buck, was arrested yesterday charged with breaking in Mr. Rambo's house. The evidence against the negro is pretty clear. Our people have for some time been annoyed by house-breaking at night, and talk of lynching Andy can be heard on the streets. Were it not for the fact that this negro was generally regarded as a good worker, he would be found climbing a rope, so ordered by Judge Lynch.

PROMINENT CITIZEN OF HAYS COUNTY DEAD.

Special to the Gazette.

KYLE, TEX., Sept. 15.—Maj. Nance died this morning at 5:30 o'clock, after a lingering sickness of several weeks. He was one of the most prominent and influential citizens in the county, and while his death is universally deplored his loss will be most keenly felt and especially in this community. The remains will be interred in the Kyle cemetery at 11 o'clock to-morrow. Rev. Thos. H. Starts officiating. All the stores in the city will be closed.

RETURNING WITH A RECORD.

Special to the Gazette.

ABILENE, TEX., Sept. 15.—City Marshal Hill arrived from New York, looking cheerful and bright. He does not by any means look like he could creep into a knot-hole.

A POCKET-BOOK MISSING.

Special to the Gazette.

ABILENE, TEX., Sept. 15.—Dr. E. A. Church lost two hundred and fifty dollars by the burglary of the drug store last night. This makes the total loss in money from \$525 to \$550, besides a few boxes of cigars. Dr. Church kept his pocket-book in the safe.

JUST SOUTH OF THE HEART.

Special to the Gazette.

SAVOY, TEX., Sept. 15.—A very distressing accident occurred here this morning about 6 o'clock. A young man named Thomas Baker, hailing from Cooke county in the quest of work as a cooke-pickler, camped last night about three miles east of this place, near the residence of Mr. Butler. This morning while handling his revolver it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering about three inches below the heart, ranging straight through and lodging near the spine. But little hope of his recovery is entertained by the attending physicians.

CARTER MURDER TRIAL AT TYLER.

Special to the Gazette.

TYLER, TEX., Sept. 15.—The testimony in the Marks-Carter case was closed this evening and the arguments of counsel will be heard to-morrow. The main witness for the state is a young man named Donegan. He testifies that Carter confessed the murder to him the night it was committed. Outside of this confession the state has no case whatever. The defense has impeached Donegan on several points and it is hard to surmise what the verdict of the jury will be.

District Judge McCord, who has been sick at his home in Longview for two weeks, returned here to-day, fully recovered.

UNITED STATES COURT AT JEFFERSON.

Special to the Gazette.

JEFFERSON, TEX., Sept. 15.—United States court is in session. Hon. C. B. Sabine, judge, convened it yesterday. He organized the grand jury and gave the jurors a very concise and pointed charge, the burden of which was the solemnity of the oath that had just been administered them. Marshal Reagan and United States District Attorney Stratton are in attendance. Among the visiting lawyers are Messrs. Sexton, Standman, Booty, Young and Turner of Marshall; Todd, Leary, Hynson, Harrell and Henderson of Texarkana; Alex. Standman of Fort Worth; A. M. Taylor of Clarksville, and W. S. Herndon of Tyler.

The town is full of strangers and presents a very bustling and city-like appearance.

KILLED BY THE TRAIN.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

QUEEN CITY, TEX., Sept. 14.—The south-bound passenger train knocked off the track and killed a man named Owens about one and a half miles south of here to-day. Owens was coming along the track with his head bent over reading and, although the engineer whistled twice, he never seemed to notice the train at all. It was on a down grade and it was impossible to stop the train till after it had knocked the man out. The train was stopped and the trainmen took up the remains and laid them out on the bank and covered them up with bushes.

The train then proceeded to Atlanta and notified the officers, who went up and held an inquest. Owens was a blacksmith by trade and worked around the shops of various saw-mills. He was very deaf and it is thought that being lost in reading he failed to notice the approach of the train.

A DEAF MAN KILLED.

Special to the Gazette.

RICHMOND, TEX., Sept. 15.—A sad accident occurred yesterday evening. As the east-bound passenger train on the Southern Pacific was near Walker sta-

tion, going at the usual rate of speed, a man was seen walking towards the train near the track. Presently he stepped upon the track and commenced to clean the mud off his shoes on the ties. The train neared him, but still he appeared to take no notice of his impending danger. The engineer says he expected the man would step off the track, as he had no doubt but he saw the train. Not so, as he stood perfectly still until struck by the engine, knocking him off the track. The train was stopped, the man picked up and taken to Walker. Medical aid was called in, but to no purpose. The man soon died. He proved to be Mr. John Ryan, a good and inoffensive citizen of this place, who is almost entirely deaf. It is supposed that not hearing the train his mind was absorbed in something which prevented his seeing the cars. No whistle was sounded or bell rung by the engineer, but in this case it would have made no difference. He leaves a wife and several helpless children unprotected for, who have the sympathy of the people.

GAINESVILLE.

Special to the Gazette.

GAINESVILLE, TEX., Sept. 15.—The preliminary trial of Clarence Higgins, charged with assaulting the negro girl, Mary Wheeler, has been again postponed, owing to the continued illness of the girl. The girl is in a precarious condition and will hardly recover.

Perry Thompson, who has been hauling lumber from this place to the Nation, met with a severe accident yesterday at Brown's ferry. While going down hill he was thrown off the wagon, the hind wheel passing over his body and head. The wagon was heavily loaded, and the scarp was actually torn from his head. Physicians were called and ministered to the sufferer.

The physician who examined the body of Henry McGlothlin, the man who was killed by lightning a few evenings since, states that the bones were pulverized by the action of the electricity.

The theatrical season opened up here this evening by the appearance of Baird's minstrels before a crowded house. Mr. J. L. Hickson, the energetic agent for THE GAZETTE in this city, will manage the opera-house this season.

Mr. Jno. Eldridge has sold his pasture, near Era, this county, to Jeff Hildspeth, consideration of \$5000. Mr. Eldridge has moved with his family to this city.

The fleece staple is beginning to arrive. Several bales were on the market to-day.

FACTS OF THE PUTNAM FUS